

Objective: Analyze a poem and consider how an allusion helps us understand theme.

Hints for Reading Poetry

- ☐ Before you read, preview the text.
- ☐ Read the poem without stopping and without annotating (*at least twice.*)
- ☐ Write a 1-3 sentence summary at the bottom of the page.
- ☐ Then reread and slowly annotate each stanza.
- ☐ Poems are tricky- label who/what each pronoun refers to.
- ☐ What is the theme of the poem?

Nothing Gold Can Stay

Nature's first green is gold,

Her hardest hue¹ to hold.

Her early leaf's a flower;

But only so an hour.

Then leaf subsides² to leaf,

So Eden³ sank to grief,

So dawn goes down to day

Nothing gold can stay.

By: Robert Frost

I think the theme of this poem is

because in the poem

What is ending for either Ponyboy, Johnny, or both of them together?

¹ **hue:** a color or a shade of a color

² **subside:** to become less strong or intense; to move down to a lower level

³ **Eden:** paradise; according to the Bible, Eden is where Adam and Eve first lived

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Comment [1]: spring is beautiful

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Comment [2]: BEAUTIFUL?

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Comment [3]: but doesn't last

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Comment [4]: spring turns to summer- that doesn't last either.

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Comment [5]: summer turns to fall

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Comment [6]: the beautiful paradise ends- it's sad

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Comment [7]: the morning turns into day (and presumably night)

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Comment [8]: nothing beautiful lasts

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Comment [9]: nothing beautiful lasts forever

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Comment [10]: spring, Eden, and morning are both described as beautiful and they all end.